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Final Amendment on Standards for Salted and Dried Salted Fish

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Report Highlights:

On January 15, 2016, the final amendment on standards for salted fish and dried salted fish was published in the Official Gazette of India.

Executive Summary:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a final draft of [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulation, 2016](#). This amendment relates to standards for salted fish and dried salted fish. This amendment is implemented as of as of January 15, 2016, which was the final publication in the Official Gazette. FSSAI also notes that the final amendment includes feedback from public comments received during the comment period on the draft regulations, which were published on July 7, 2015.

General Information:

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On January 25, 2016, FSSAI notified [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulation, 2016](#), related to standards for salted fish and dried salted fish. The implementation of the amendment starts from the date of its final publication in the Official Gazette, *i.e.*, January 15, 2016. The full text of the final amendment published by FSSAI on January 25, 2016, is provided below and is also available on their website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. For details on the draft regulation, please refer to GAIN report [IN5095](#).

Details of Notification: F.No.1-10(1)/Standards/SP (Fish and Fisheries Products)/FSSAI-2013

- Publication Date on FSSAI Website: January 25, 2016
- Date of Implementation: January 15, 2016 (Publication in the Official Gazette)

Products affected: Fish and fish products

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 11th January, 2016

F. No. 1-10(1)/Standards/SP(Fish and Fisheries Products)/FSSAI-2013.—Whereas the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), *vide* notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F.No.1-10(1)/Standards/SP(Fish and Fisheries Products)/FSSAI-2013 dated 5th June, 2015 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 7th July, 2015;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub section (2) of section 92 read with section 16 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:—

Regulations

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016.

2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.6 relating to “Fish and Fish Products”,

(a) in sub-regulation 2.6.1, in clause (7) relating to salted fish/dried salted fish, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

- “7 (1) Dried/ salted and dried fishery products means the product prepared from fresh or wholesome fish after drying with or without addition of salt.
- (2) The fish shall be bled, gutted, beheaded, split or filleted and washed prior to salting and drying.
- (3) Salt used to produce salted fish shall be clean, free from foreign matter, show no visible signs of contamination with dirt, oil, bilge or other extraneous materials.
- (4) The product shall be free from foreign matter, objectionable odour and flavour.
- (5) The product may contain food additives permitted in Appendix A.
- (6) The product shall conform to the microbiological and chemical requirement as laid down in the regulation.
- (7) The products shall conform to the following requirements:

Sr. No. (1)	Characteristics (2)	Requirements (3)
1.	Water activity (a_w), at 25°C	Less than 0.78
2.	Salt Content (percent Sodium Chloride)*	Not less than 12 %
3.	Histamine** content, max.	200 mg/Kg
4.	Acid Insoluble Ash on dry basis	Not more than 1%

*Requirement of salt content is only applicable to dry salted fishery products.

** Requirement of Histamine content is only applicable for dried/dry-salted fishery products prepared from listed fish species associated with histamine poisoning.”

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[ADVT III/4/Exty./328]

Note. - The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 *vide* notification number F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011 and subsequently amended *vide* notification numbers:—

- (i) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 7th June, 2013;
- (ii) F. No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated the 27th June, 2013;
- (iii) F. No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated the 12th July, 2013;
- (iv) F. No. P.15025/262/13-PA/FSSAI dated the 5th December, 2014;
- (v) F. No.1-83L/Sci.Pan-Noti/FSSAI-2012 dated the 17th February, 2015;
- (vi) F. No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated the 4th August, 2015;
- (vii) F. No. P. 15025/263/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 4th November, 2015;
- (viii) F. No. P. 15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI, dated the 4th November, 2015;
- (ix) F. No. 7/15015/30/2012, dated the 13th November, 2015;
- (x) F. No. P. 15025/208/2013-PA/FSSAI, dated the 13th November, 2015;
- (xi) F. No. P. 15025/261/2013-PA/FSSAI, dated the 13th November, 2015.